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ACTION SIG-02

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FM AMEMBASSY LA PAZ
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0463

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FOR S/IG INSPECTOR GENERAL AND ARA ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: AAUD, BL
SUBJ: PROPOSED POST INSPECTION

REF: STATE 137781

1. I AM GREATLY SURPRISED THAT A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AT THIS LATE DATE, REFTEL, TO INSPECT LA PAZ BETWEEN AUGUST 15 AND SEPTEMBER 12. WHEN THE MATTER OF INSPECTION THIS YEAR WAS FIRST RAISED WITH US IN FEBRUARY, INFORMALLY THROUGH THE BOLIVIA DESK, WE SENT A LETTER TO THE DESK OFFICER DATED FEBRUARY 13. THIS LETTER, POINTING OUT THE EXTENT OF OFFICER TRANSNERS AND HOME LEAVES WHICH WOULD BE OCCURRING THIS SUMMER, SUGGESTED THAT THE LA PAZ INSPECTION SHOULD BE ADVANCED TO APRIL, 1973 OR POSTPONED AT LEAST TO OCTOBER 1973 OR BEYOND. OTHERWISE, WE SAID, WE DID NOT SEE HOW THE INSPECTION COULD BE USEFUL OR MEANINGFUL EITHER TO THE POST OR FOR FULFILLMENT OF THE PURPOSES OF THE INSPECTION CORPS. WHILE WE HAD NO OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO THIS WE WERE GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND INFORMALLY THAT THIS RECOMMENDED ACTION WAS ACCEPTED.

2. I AM GREATLY CONCERNED THAT THE NOW PLANNED INSPECTION WILL PUT AN UNFAIR BURDEN ON THE POST AT AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TIME AND THAT THE INSPECTION CANNOT BE A USEFUL ONE. NOT ONLY WILL I BE DEPARTING AT THE END OF THIS MONTH BUT ALSO THE POLITICAL SECTION WILL HAVE LOST ITS TWO KEY OFFICERS BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC SECTION WILL BE ON HOME LEAVE AS WELL AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF USAID. MOREOVER, THE NEW DIRECTOR OF USAID IS HIMSELF SCHEDULED TO GO ON HOME LEAVE IN MID-AUGUST
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ONLY A FEW WEEKS AFTER HIS ARRIVAL HERE. IN ADDITION, THE

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WILL BE LEAVING WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS
WHILE PAO DEPARTED IN MAY AND NEW PAO HAS ETA OF AUGUST.
THE NET RESULT WILL BE THAT THE POST WILL BE REQUIRED TO PREPARE
FOR AN INSPECTION AT A TIME WHEN IT IS GREATLY WEAKENED BY LEAVES
AND TRANSFERS, AND THOSE HERE TO CARRY OUT THE INSPECTION WILL BE
UNFAMILIAR WITH AND NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RECORD OF THE LAST
TWO YEARS WHICH IS UNDER INSPECTION.

3 . FOR THESE REASONS I SINCERELY URGE IN THE INTEREST OF ALL
CONCERNED AND PARTICULARLY OF HAVING A MEANINGFUL INSPECTION THAT
IT BE POSTPONED UNTIL AT LEAST OCTOBER IF NOT BEYOND.
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